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SUBJECT: MARCH 1-2 POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSION ON
AFRICA, DISARMAMENT AND ASIA

1. THE PRESIDENCY INDICATED ITS INTENT TO BRIEF THE
EC IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON LAST WEEK'S DISCUSSIONS IN
WASHINGTON WITH THE US AND SOUTH AFRICA ON RHODESIA.
AS REQUESTED BY THE US, THE BRITISH TOLD THEIR
PARTNERS THAT IT WAS WASHINGTON'S DESIRE TO INJECT
NEW LIFE IN THE NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH TALKS
WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND CERTAIN BLACK AFRICAN
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STATES. THE UK ALSO DESCRIBED CURRENT INTERNAL
DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA. THE AFRICAN EXPERTS WORKING
GROUP WAS DIRECTED TO CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF SOUTH
AFRICA'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AND FOREIGN POLICY, AND
ALSO MAINTAIN THEIR WATCHING BRIEF ON ANGOLA.

2. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF THE

DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING AND APPROVED THEIR REPORT.
THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION.

3. CONCERNING ASIA, THE NINE AGREED THAT THE BRITISH REPRESENTING THE EC SHOULD MAKE A DEMARCHE IN HANOI TO COMPLAIN THAT THE BELGIANS, DUTCH, GERMANS AND ITALIANS WERE BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THEIR CURRENT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS WITHOUT BEING OFFERED ANY ALTERNATIVE. THE BRITISH WILL CONVEY THE EC'S CONCERN ON THIS MATTER AND INDICATE THOSE FOUR COUNTRIES' WILLINGNESS TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTING JOINT QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY IN HANOI, SHOULD THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT PROVIDE AVAILABLE LAND.

4. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ALSO INSTRUCTED THE ASIAN EXPERTS TO PREPARE A STUDY, BASED ON SUBMISSIONS FROM EC EMBASSIES, ON HOW THE COUNTRIES OF THE SUBCONTINENT CURRENTLY VIEW THE NINE. THEY AGREED THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD STABILITY ON THE SUBCONTINENT LARGELY BECAUSE OF RECOGNIZED INDIAN PREEMINENCE. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE NINE SHOULD COORDINATE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THEIR POLICIES ON BILATERAL ISSUES WITH THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.

5. FINALLY, ON CHINA, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS APPROVED A PAPER WHICH CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO INDICATION OF CHANGE IN CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY, THAT OPPOSITION TO THE USSR REMAINS THE CENTRAL ELEMENT
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IN THAT POLICY AND THAT CHINESE ATTITUDES TOWARD WESTERN EUROPE WILL DEPEND PRINCIPALLY ON ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SUPERPOWERS.

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